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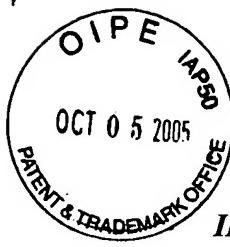
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Dear Examiner Snedden:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 6, 2005 concerning the above-referenced patent application. The shortened statutory period for replying to the Office Action expired on July 6, 2005; therefore, with the accompanying request for a three month extension of time and payment of the extension fees, the time for responding is extended to October 6, 2005, and it is believed that this response is timely filed. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), fees for reply within the third month in the amount of \$1020 are included with this response.

Other than the fees accompanying this response, no further fees are believed due for this filing, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to

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